

CCC Media Advisory

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Media Advisory for Wednesday, June 15, 10 a.m. to Noon in Vacaville **CCC Crew Assists with Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Eradication**

Fifteen members of the California Conservation Corps are removing vegetation behind the Vacaville Wal-Mart store this week, to assist in glassy-winged sharpshooter eradication efforts.

The CCC's work follows the May discovery of 13 recently hatched sharpshooter egg masses and two live nymphs (juvenile sharpshooters) on crape myrtle leaves in the Wal-Mart landscaping. A subsequent Solano County survey found the infestation limited to this area and likely a residual effect from last year's infestation. The area was treated May 20 to kill any emerging nymphs and adult sharpshooters.

The glassy-winged sharpshooter can spread bacteria causing plant diseases, including Pierce's disease which is devastating to grapes, and additional diseases impacting almonds, stone fruits and other crops vital to California's agricultural industry.

Funding for the work is provided by Wal-Mart and the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Who: A CCC crew, working under the direction of the Solano County Agricultural Commissioner's office. Ag. Commissioner Susan Cohen and staff will be on hand to provide an update on the efforts.

What: The CCC crew is clearing and then chipping brush in the area where sharpshooter egg masses were discovered in May.

When: Wednesday morning, June 15, 10 a.m. to noon.

Where: Behind Wal-Mart (1501 Helen Power Drive) near the factory outlet stores. From westbound I-80, take the Allison Dr. exit and take the Nut Tree Parkway to Helen Power Drive and turn right, then turn right on Burton Drive. The crew will be working near the first driveway.

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From eastbound I-80, take the Leisure Town exit, go left over the freeway and right on Orange Dr. Continue to Helen Power Drive and turn left, then right on Burton Dr. The crew will be working near the first driveway.

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The CCC previously helped with glassy-winged sharpshooter efforts in Solano County in 2004, surveying for all life stages of the sharpshooters. Corpsmembers have done similar work in eleven other California counties over the past five years.

The California Conservation Corps, a state department under the Resources Agency, is a workforce development program hiring young men and women between 18 and 25. They spend a year devoted to natural resource work and emergency services throughout the state.

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